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1. On 25 September a conference of Russian Air Force officers of field grade took place at Karlshorst. Some of them are stationed at Karlshorst, others are in Germany on temporary duty. They discussed future research and production plans of the Air Technical Section in Germany.
2. Discussion included disposition of German personnel presently employed and living in the western sectors. A Russian officer stated that "in the near future Soviet authorities will institute sector borders and enforce these by barbed wire and guards who will check personnel passing the borders." This step is being prepared at present by Russian papers printing stories of the British and the Americans erecting barbed wire at the sector borders and protecting these by machine guns. All Russians have been expressly forbidden to go in the neighborhood of sector boundaries to prevent further incidents.
3. German personnel working for the Russians will be furnished special passes to permit their passing control posts without any difficulty. These passes are at present being prepared by the MVD. Passes will become available for anyone legitimately employed in the eastern sector and living in the western sectors or anyone who has legitimate business in the eastern sector. They will be distributed to industry, business enterprises, etc., the day before the barriers are set up.
4. The officers stated that present policy is to keep reliable personnel at present living in the western sectors in their present residence. The Russians do not expect any difficulties will be made to personnel living in the western sectors and working in the eastern sector since the West also employs personnel from the East and wants to prevent unemployment at any cost.

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